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THE TWELVE ZODIAK SIGHNS

IN THE

BILLINGS' ALLMINAX.

Fox. ♌

Raccoon. ♊

Monkey. ♌

Rooster. ♓

Fly. ♀

Codfish. ♓



Hornet. ☿

Cockroach. ♋

Swine. ♍

Goat. ♑

Angleworm ♉

Cat. ♐

Names ob the Sighns in the Billings' Allminax.

(*Stinggus,*) the Hornet.
(*Bugguss,*) a Cockroach.
(*Roottus,*) the Swine.
(*Crawluss,*) a Angleworm.
(*Buttuss,*) the Gote.
(*Sneakuss,*) a Kat.

(*Saltuss,*) the Kodfish.
(*Buzzuss,*) a Fly.
(*Struttuss,*) the Ruseter.
(*Munkuis,*) a Munkee.
(*Stealuss,*) the Coon.
(*Foxus,*) a Fox.

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Pordunk Valley Rail Road.

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1. Conduktors are positively forbid trieing tew pass each other on a single track.

2. Passengers are warned ov the great danger ov standing on the platforms, — menny a promising man haz lost hiz life by having a platform drop from under him.

3. Positively no droves ov cattle or swine allowed on this road unless they are travelling the same direckshun the trains are.

4. Engineers are earnestly requested tew keep their cow ketchers well greased, and will bear in mind that when a cow iz ketched the hide belongs tew them; but the beef and tallo iz tew be sent immejiately tew the president of the road.

5. Enny switchman running a train oph from the trak will be find 10 dollars, and interest on the fine at the rate of 4 per cent per annum untill the fine iz paid.

6. No konduktor iz invited tew remain on this road 10 minnits who hasn't heard ov the 10 commandments, espeshily the one which sez "*thou shalt not spondulick thyself with the dimes ov another.*"

7. No charges made on this road for coroners' inquests.

HOW THEY DO TALK

ABOUT

Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax

FOR THE YEAR 1870.

"Giv me liberty, or giv me deth, but if i kant hav either, giv me Josh Billings' allminax for 1870."

"It kured mi wife ov wanting to die."

"It iz like peper sass in a hot day."

"The Billings Allminax will go father in a family than 12 dozen ov ginger popp."

"When i am sad and lonely, i fli tew its pages, like a bumblebee tew a full blown dandylion."

"It gave me grate presence ov mind."

"My wife brings up her ophspring, and duz all her plain sowing bi yure allminaxes."

"How cooling, and perforating it iz."

THE NATRAL HORNET.

The hornet iz a red hot child ov natur, ov sudden impreshuns, and a sharp konklusion. The hornets alwus fites at short range, and never argy a case, they settle all ov their disputes bi letting their javelin fly, and are az certain, and az anxious tew hit, az a mule iz. Hornets bild their nest whereever they take a noshun to, and seldum are asked to move, for what would it profit a man tew murder 99 hornets, and have the one hundred one hit him with hiz javelin. I kan't tell you jist tew a day how long a hornet kan live, but I kno from experience, that every bug, be he hornet or sumboddy else, who iz mad all the time, and stings every good chance he kan git, generally outlives all ov his nabors.

DOMESTIK RECEIPTS.

To make good ginger-snaps, take one pound of ginger, stir in a half dozen ov lively snaps, do them to a brown, and then lock them up, or the yung ones will hook them.

To learn a dog tew follow well, tie him tew the hind end ov an express train.

To find out whether a man has got a good moral karakter or not, ask him pleasantly.

To cure herring, — use Godfrey's Kordial.

31 Days. **JANUARY.** 1871.

Q.—Who waz the best dead beat ? ♃ ♀



He who by the plough would thrive,
Must no 2 forty kattle drive,
But worry the ground to and fro,
With horned kritters who skasely seem to go.

A.—Cain: he dead beat his brother Abel. ♌♍

⊛	●	*History.*	*HASH ON TOAST.*
1	G	● *Grate cold* ♄ ♅	All the good injuns die young.
2	M	Adam born ♂ ♂	
3	T	*cold grows* ⊕	
4	W	♎♓ Adam had no	Mankind love misterys, a hole
5	T	mother [⊛] ♋	in the ground excites more won-
6	F	☞ *simptoms ov a*	der than a star up in heaven.
7	S	*thawness* ♌ bi	
8	G	industry we thrive	
9	M	*it looks like snow*	Jist about az cerimonys creep
10	T	Eve born ♓ ♂	into one end ov a church, piety
11	W	*i shouldn't wonder*	backs out at the other.
12	T	*if it did snow*	
13	F	Eve waz a	
14	S	success ♈ ♑ ♍	
15	G	grate sassige riot	Blessed are they who hav no
16	M	in 1612 ⊕ ♌	eye for a key hole.
17	T	now haul ice ♯ ♓	
18	W	50,000 sassige	
19	T	destroyed ♓ *a thaw*	Don't mistake vivacity for wit,
20	F	*threatens* ♍ Adam	thare iz about az mutch difference
21	S	waz a confiding man	az thare iz between lightning and
22	G	*thaw more threat-*	a lightning bug.
23	M	*ensome* ● he took	
24	T	the chances §	
25	W	*colder* ♊ ♉ ♂	A coquett in love iz az tame az
26	T	and got badly beat	a bottle ov ginger pop that haz
27	F	□ ♒ *mercury*	stood sum time with the corck
28	S	♑ *an inch* ☉ ♌	pulled out.
29	G	*belo zero* ♍ ◑	
30	M	♌ ◑ beware of the	
31	T	gout ♯♌ ♈ ♐	

THE PROMISCUSS COCKROACH.

The Cockroach iz a bug at large. He iz one ov the luxurys ov civilizashun. The Cockroach iz born on the fust ov May, and the fust ov November semi-annually, and iz reddy for use in fifteen days from date. They are born four from each egg, and consequently they are all twins; thare iz no sich thing in the annals ov natur, az a single cockroach. Their food seems to consist, not so mutch ov what they eat, az what they kan git into, and often finding them ded, in the soup, at mi boarding house, I have cum tew the painful conclushun, that the cockroach kan't swim, but that he kan float for a long time.

HINTS TEW YUNG WIFES.

1. Don't undertake tew liv with yure mother-in-law, but if wuss cums tew a wussness, let yure mother-in-law liv with yu.

2. Never let yure husband kno more than one haff the affeckshun yu hav for him.

3. Don't name a yung one after a bachelor brother, nor a bachelor sister.

4. Observe theze rules fondly, keep yure feet dri, and yure hair slick, and yu will prove a model wife, (and after that), an acceptable widder.

31 Days. **MARCH.** 1871.

Q. — Who iz the coming man?



Dear girls and boys, take mi advice,
And don't go on the rotten ice;
For many a gal has fell chuck in,
And thus has ketched her final ducking.

A. — The female suffragist.

□	♃	*History.*	*CAPER SAUCE.*
1	W	*Streaks ov wind*	Natur never makes enny blunders; when she makes a phool, she means it.
2	T	♏haul in yure	
3	F	close line ☿ ●	
4	S	♎*windy* ♂ ♊	
5	G	de gustibus non	
6	M	et cetera ♂ ♯	Thare iz sum pholks in this world who spend their whole lives a hunting after righteousness, and kant find enny time tew praktiss it.
7	T	♓*skey overkast* ♈	
8	W	ignorance iz bliss ♂	
9	T	♃ bring out yure	
10	F	geese ♃ ♀ ♒	
11	S	△*cold wind* ✶	
12	G	and let them March	Human happiness iz like the Hottentot language, enny boddy kan talk it well enuff, but thare aint but phew kan understand it.
13	M	*windy windness*	
14	T	§ use Higinbottoms	
15	W	pills ♓ ☿ ♏	
16	T	♀ *wet rain* ⚹	
17	F	they are az mild	
18	S	az a juice harp ♍	Grate transgreshuns seem tew baptize themselfs, — if the Devil had only bin gilty ov pettit larceny, he never would hav bin heard ov agin.
19	G	John Rogers died	
20	M	1683 ♂ ♉	
21	T	*sum more wind* ●	
22	W	he fell in the	
23	T	fire ♖ ♀ ⚹	
24	F	♉ ♂ now tap for	I dont kno ov enny thing more remorseless, on the face ov the earth, than 7 per cent interest.
25	S	maple sugar ⊙	
26	G	♉ *hi winds* ⊕ ♊	
27	M	§ life iz uncertain ♎	
28	T		
29	W		
30	T		
31	F		

THE GRITTY ANGLEWORM.

Angleworms are ov earth, earthy, and crawl for a living. The angleworm, tho full of grit, iz not quarrelsome. It is sed (by naturalists) that angleworm ile, rubbed on the back ov the neck will cure a man ov lieing. I don't beleave this, unless it kills the man. Death is the only safe cure (that haz bin diskovered yet) for the falssehood disseaze. Angleworms are used by sum people az an artikle ov diet — (to ketch fish with). They are handy tew put onto a hook, and are dredful handy tew take oph agin, az every wicked person knows who haz fished all day Sunday for daice in a mill-pond.

HOUSEKEEPER'S GUIDE.

To make boarding-house hash, take a little ov every thing, a good deal ov nothing, and throw in a chunk ov sumthing; jam to a mux, cook over a kold fire, season with hair pins, and sarve it up on the jump.

To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while.

To find the solid contents ov a mule's hind legg, feel ov it clussly.

28 Days. **FEBRUARY.** 1871.

Q. — What iz the best thing out yet for real comfort? ♂ △



Now gather round the kitchen fire,
And pile the chunks on hier and hier,
Git out the old fiddle and partners choose,
And shake her down in your cowhide shoes.

A. — An aking tooth. ♂ ♠ ♒

♒	☉	*History.*	*CHICKEN SALLAD.*
1	W	♌ ♌ How doth the little bizzy bee □	Thare iz one kritter in this world whoze troubles yu kant console, and that is a setting hen.
2	T	*it snows* △ ♋ ♉	
3	F	sting evry good chance he kan git	
4	S		
5	G	now slaughter wood	Thare iz nothing like a sick bed for repentance, a man bekums so virtewous he will often repent ov sins that he never committed.
6	M	♍ ♌ *hasy* ♌ ⚹	
7	T	Jo Smith created	
8	W	♍1818●	
9	T	*sum snow at Montreal* ♍ ♑	One ov the hardest things, for enny man to do, iz tew fall down on the ice when it iz wet, and then git up, and praze the Lord.
10	F	Jo Smith manufakterd mormons ♊	
11	S		
12	G	*squally* ♂ ☿ out of phools ♂ ♂	
13	M		
14	T	♑ virtew iz her own paymaster ♃	Gravity iz no more posatiff evidence ov wisdum, than a paper collar iz ov a shirt.
15	W	*bitter cold* ♉ ♊	
16	T		
17	F	Jo waz not a polly gamist ♄ ♀	Curiosity often gets a mouse into a trap, — jist so it duz other folks.
18	S	⚹ ♠ *sum more coldness* ⊕ △	
19	G		
20	M	bully for Jo ♋ ♏	
21	T	grind stuns fust	
22	W	diskovered 1500¶	
23	T	*raw but cold* ♀ ♈	
24	F	☿ whooping cough iz ketching ♂ ⊕	
25	S		
26	G		
27	M		
28	T		

THE UNIVERSAL SWINE.

The Swine, (almost always) hav four legs, tho thare iz sum remarkable exceptshuns to this rule. Swine are good quiet boarders; they alwus eat what is sot before them, and don't ask enny phoolish questions. The Swine kan be larnt a great menny amusing things, sich az highsting the front gate oph from the hinges, and finding a hole in the fence to git into the cornfield, but it iz dredful hard work for them tew find the same hole tew git out at, espeshily if yu are in a hurry to hav them. This haz never bin fully explained, but speaks vollums for the swine. Swine can all root well, a swine that kant root well, iz a poor job.

HINTS TEW YUNG HUSBANDS.

1. Marriage iz a fair transackshun on the face of it.

2. Sum marry for buty, and never diskover their mistake; this iz lucky.

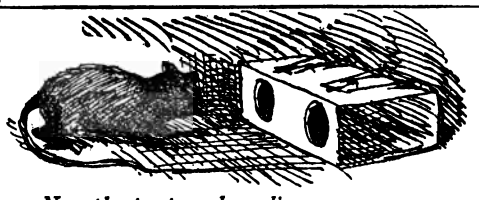
3. Sum marry for pedigree and feel big for six months, and then cum tew the conklusion, that pedigree aint no better than skim-milk.

4. Sum marry tew pleaze their relashuns and are surprized that their relashuns don't kare a cuss for them afterwards.

5. Marry Yung! — thare iz but one good excuse for a marriage late in life, and that iz,— a seckond marriage.

31 Days. **MAY.** 1871.

Q. — What waz the name of Shakspear's dog? ☉



A. — Dog-Berry. ☿ ♀ ♂ ♃

Now plant oats and gardin sass,
Yoke geese, and black snakes kill;
Set hens; set traps for thieving rats;
Set what you please, but don't set *still.*

*	☿	*History.*	*PICKLED TONGUE.*
1	M	Dandylions in market ♂ *Soft*	The man who kant find enny thing to do in this world, iz az bad oph az a yerling heifer.
2	T	*and barmy* ♀ who	
3	W	will be queen ♂	
4	T	☉ □ of May ☉	
5	F	*mild* ♒ it is hard	
6	S	to tell [?] ☿	
7	G	Job waz a	I luv tew see an old person joyfull but not kickuptheheelsfull.
8	M	pashunt man	
9	T	*refreshing wet* ♊	
10	W	△ now ketch frogs	
11	T	*warm wetness* ♓	
12	F	Job had biles ☾ *more*	Don't lay enny certain plans for the fewter, it iz like planting tuds and expekting tew raize tudstools.
13	S	*warmy* ● tax	
14	G	collektors	
15	M	loafing	
16	T	around ● now	
17	W	chew lettuce ● *hot*	
18	T	☿ *with rain* ♏	
19	F	pole yuer beans ♐	Thare iz no pashun ov the human harte, that promises so mutch, and pays so little az *revenge.*
20	S	♏ *wind south*	
21	G	Noah Webster	
22	M	waz a good speller	
23	T	♈ *sudden rain* ♀	
24	W	he had bet-	
25	T	ter spells than	Thoze persons who spend all their time watching their simptoms, are the kind who *enjoy poor health.*
26	F	Billings ♈ *expekt*	
27	S	*rain sprinkles*	
28	G	go in when it	
29	M	rains ♊	
30	T		
31	W		

THE MELODIUS CAT.

The cat hath been called a domestik animile but i never could tell whyfore. All thare iz domestix about a cat iz, yu kant loze one; they are as tuff to loze az a bad reputashun iz. Yu may send one out ov the state done up neatly in a meal-bag, and the next morning yu will find him along side ov the kitchen stove reddy tew be stepped on. They are az sollum az Mozes, but az phull ov the devil as Judas Iskariott Esq. Thare iz only one thing about a cat that i like, and that iz, they are very reasonable; a little money, well put, will go a grate way in cats. Cats are very plenty in this world just now. I counted 18 from mi boarding house windo, one moon lite nite last summer, and it want the best kind ov a nite for cats neither.

FAMILY NOSHUNS.

To pick out a tender goose, pinch him, and if he squeals, buy him.

To make good sharp pickles, whittle oph both ends ov them tew a pint.

To find how fur a frog kan jump, set a Frenchman to meazureing hiz jumps.

To git the affectashun out ov a man, make him sea sick, (when a man iz sea sick he iz inclined tew thro up all phoolish things).

30 Days. **APRIL.** 1871.

Q.—Define the "*just impreshun.*" ☉ ♈



April phool was born this month,
A simpleton, but clever;
And tho 4000 years ov age,
He's just az big a phool az ever.

A.—A mother's kiss. ♂ ♊ ♑ ♋

☿	♅	*History.*	*SHRIMPS.*
1	S	☨ *Liquid rain.* ♀	A man with a very small head iz like a pin without enny, very apt tew git into things beyond hiz depth.
2	G	The violet iz	
3	M	blew ⚹ *showery* ♊	
4	T	hark! tis the	
5	W	noble bull	
6	T	frog's voice ♅ ♏	
7	F	*wet* ● ☮ jews	
8	S	harps diskovered	
9	G	☞ 1296 ♉	Thare are menny people in this world who are like flies, grate bores without meaning it, or knowing it,—"*shoo fly.*"
10	M	now plant	
11	T	gardin sass ♌ ♋	
12	W	☻ Cupid born 95	
13	T	*look out*	
14	F	*for some*	
15	S	*wetness* ⛵ ☿	Falling in luv iz like falling into molassis, sweet but dredful dobby.
16	G	Cupid is a lytle	
17	M	cuss ♏	
18	T	set out onions ♐	
19	W	*sumwhat wetty* ⊕	When i see an old man marry a yung wife, i consider him starting out on a bust, for i am reminded ov the parable about mixing nu wine into old junk bottles.
20	T	♉ now hath the	
21	F	winter of our dis-	
22	S	kontent ♅ *gentle*	
23	G	*showers* ♑ finally	
24	M	thawed out ≅ *look*	
25	T	*out for rain* ♂ no	A lie iz like nitroglycerine, the best judges kant tell when it iz a going tew explode, and skatter a muss.
26	W	kards ♏ *it dus rain*	
27	T	♃ Daniel Lambert	
28	F	was very	
29	S	phatt ♌	
30	G		

THE BELLYCOSE GOAT.

The Goat iz a coarse wollen sheep, with a cracked voice and a sanguine digestion. They had rather steal a rotten turnip out ov a garbage barrell than cum honestly bi a peck ov oats. They strike from the hed insted ov the shoulder, and are az likely tew hit the mark az a bumblebee iz. They are faithfull kritters in the hour ov adversity, and will stick tew a man az long az he lives in a shanty. They kan klimb evrything but a greased pole, and are alwus poor in the boddy, but phatt in the stummak. What they eat seems tew all go tew appetight. A phatt Goat would be a literary curiosity.

PREMIUMS.

Awarded to Velosipede Riders in 1870.

To Abram Parsons, a premium ov 33⅓ dollars for riding a velosipede down the back stairs ov a gimnazium, and knocking out 18 ov hiz front teeth, and distorting hiz noze.

To Nimrod Sturgiss, a copper medal with 9 dollars, and a nu pair ov dorg skin gloves, for riding a velosipede into a mill-pond, and gitting drowned.

To Marshall Peaboddy Smith, a puss ov 2 dollars, and a life membership in the mackerel club, for riding a velosipede over a nu milch cow, and splitting a telegraph pole from top tew bottom.

31 Days. JULY. 1871.

Q. — When iz a ship az sick az her passengers are? ●

A. — When she heaves too. ♗ ♌ ♣



Hornets now are on the wing,
Red hot, and crazy for to sting:
Oh, don't go ni the tarnal kritters!
For they are sure, and pison hitters.

♈	♌	*History.*	*GREEN GOOSE.*
1	S	♂ Ice iz king	Every time a man laffs he takes a kink out ov the chain ov life, and thus lengthens it.
2	G	*hot and warm* ♈	
3	M	Sampson waz a	
4	T	strong man *very hot*	
5	W	he could lift a	
6	T	ton ♗ *hotter* ●	Three skore years and ten iz mans furlo, and it iz enuff, — if a man kant suffer all the mizery he wants in that time he must be numb.
7	F	with hiz	
8	S	little finger ♅	
9	G	♈ *hot increases* ♿	
10	M	now beg for	
11	T	ice cream	
12	W	♅ *thunder shower*	
13	T	*in the west* ⊛	
14	F	♎ the goose iz not	A crowing hen, and a cackling rooster, are very misfortunate poultry in a family.
15	S	a game bird ♈	
16	G	♅ *grate*	
17	M	*hotness* ● ♒ mad	
18	T	dorgs around ♎ *bile-*	
19	W	*ing hot* ♐ Noah	Man iz mi brother, and i konsider that i am nearer related tew him through hiz vices, than i am through hiz virtews.
20	T	had three sons	
21	F	*thunder and* ♿ ♎	
22	S	♄ *litening* ✳	
23	G	♑ Noah	
24	M	owned the ark ♅	
25	T	*much hot* ♂ in	We should not forgit one thing — thare iz not a sure thing on this footstool, — even the best tooth in our head may fall tew akeing before sunset and hav tew be jerked out.
26	W	♐ Adam's fall	
27	T	♀ we sinned all ♈	
28	F	Yew bet, ♉ Andy	
29	S	Johnson waz a	
30	G	Taylor ◑ ♄	
31	M		

THE FREQUENT FLY.

The fly iz not only a domestik critter, but a friendly one. How they git born i don't kno, but i hav thought they didn't wait tew be born, but come just az they am. Menny ov them are cut off in the flower of their youth, and usefulness. Sum loze their lives by lighting too near the rim ov a toad's mouth, and fall in when the toad gaps. Thousands find a watery grave, bi gitting drowned,—in milk-cans. Flys morally considered are like other human beings, they wont light on a good helthy spot in a man, not if they can find a place that iz a little raw. I beleave they are ov temprate habits, and altho they hang around grocerys a good deal, i never see a fly the wuss for liquor, but i hàv often seen liquor, that waz a good deal the wuss for flys.

WANTED.

Wanted, several fust class yung men, with mustash, tew hang around the vestibules ov the different churches in amerika, and stare at the females az they pass out.

Yung men who understand the use ov tobacco prefered.

No yung men accepted who kant stare the brass buttons oph from a military coat, at twenty paces.

This iz a rare chance for yung men ov real genius.

Salary payable weekly.

References exchanged.

30 Days.		JUNE.	1871.

Q.—What iz a good "*counter irritant*"? ♌ ● ♌



In this month, more than all the rest,
Things seem tew jump their very best;
Carrots and yungones, purp and kitten,
Like Joner's gourd, are up, and gittin.

A.—A young dri goods clerk.

♋	♗	*History.*	*PARSNIP STEW.*
1	T	Now hunt for rozes ♒ *warm hotness* ♉	A kicking cow never lets drive until just as the pail gets phull,—it iz jiss so with sum mens blunders.
2	F		
3	S		
4	G	☿ the grasshopper iz a burden ♑	
5	M	☉ *muggy wetness* natur grows ♀ ♓ ♊ *hot* ♍	
6	T		
7	W		
8	T		
9	F	● let her grow ⚹ now ☾ ho korn ♐ *wet sighns* ♂ ♌ *ov more rain* more grasshoppers born ♐ bet 10 dollars it will rain ♀ pride goes ● before a fall ♗ ⚹	
10	S		
11	G		
12	M		
13	T		
14	W		
15	T		
16	F		
17	S		
18	G		
19	M		
20	T	♋ ♁ *exquisite rain* ♒ Jack and Gill went up the hill ♗ 1357 ♈ ♂ ♀ *hotter* ♋ Jack △ and Gill cum down the hill 1358 ● ☉ now take it eazy ♈	It aint mutch trubble tew bear the pain ov sumboddy else's lame back, but tew hav the lame back onesself aint quite so stylish.
21	W		
22	T		
23	F		
24	S		
25	G		
26	M		
27	T		
28	W		
29	T		
30	F		

Whenever a minister haz preached a sermon that pleazes the whole congregashun, he probably haz preached one that the Lord wont endorse.

The man who wont beleave enny thing he kant see, aint so wize az a mule, for they will kick at a thing in the dark.

THE BRINY CODFISH.

The codfish iz the fruit ov the oshun, which accounts for their being so salt. They are good eating for a wet day; they are better than an umbreller to keep a man dry. They want a good deal ov freshning before they are eaten, and want freshning a good deal afterwards.

If i can have plenty ov codfish for breakfast, i can generally manage tew make the other two meals out of cold water.

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MELKISIDEK BREWSTERS LIGHTNING ROD.

For drawing lightning, theze rods hav grate strength and endurance.

They will draw litening from the uttermost parts ov the earth, or pull it in two.

Yu may bury one of theze rods 10 foot under ground, and litening will hunt till it finds it.

Yu mite az well undertake tew eskape natral deth, or a constable's warrent, az tew eskape litening with one ov theze rods ov yure house.

Buy one ov Melkisidek's rods, and if yu haint got enny house tew put it on, you kan set it up at the forks ov the road, and steal all the litening in the naberhood.

30 Days. SEPTEMBER. 1871.

Q.—What is wealth? ♃ ☉ ♋



The carrion crow sits straddle the fence,
Trying as hard as he can to weep,
As he thinks ov death and its consequence
To spavined hosses and rickety sheep.

A.—Baggage at the risk of the owner. ♎ ♀

☿	☽	*History.*	*CRANBERRY SAUS.*
1	F	♒*Exquisit and*	Love is like the meazles, we kan't hav it bad but once, and the later in life we hav it the tuffer it goes with us.
2	S	*soft wind*	
3	G	*melts* ♃ angels	
4	M	seen bi •	
5	T	moonlite	
6	W	*fragrant show-* ♀	
7	T	*ers* ♐ fust poet	
8	F	born 642 ♉ *limpid*	
9	S	*tenderness* ☉	The miser who heaps up gains tew gloat over, iz like a hog in a pen, fatted for a show.
10	G	*cam and cool* ♃	
11	M	stars twitter ♂	
12	T	♀ azure twilight	
13	W	*wind sow bi sow*	
14	T	*west* ♌ lovers	
15	F	meet ♑	
16	S	♅ *soft showers* ♒	
17	G	and kiss ♌ harvest	Most every one seems tew be willing to be a phool himself, bu he kant bear to have enny boddy else one.
18	M	yure pumpkins ♈	
19	T	♋ *slick weather*	
20	W	hark! from the	
21	T	tombs a doleful	
22	F	sound ♓ *soft wind*	
23	S	Tom Corwin	The man who haint got an enemy, iz really poor.
24	G	waz a wagon	
25	M	boy ⊕	
26	T	*tender winds* ♏	
27	W	☿ on linden	
28	T	when the	
29	F	sun ☉ waz low	Advise iz like kastor ile, eazy enuff to giv, but dredful uneazy tew take.
30	S		

THE DOOCED MONKEY.

The monkey iz only valuable tew look at, and wonder what in thunder he iz a going tew do next. He haz not got a Webster head, but hiz face iz a biled down dew drop ov malishus cunning. He resembles the skey terrier in the bild ov hiz features, and skratches his head az natral az the school boy, — and probably for similar reasons. They are sumtimes kept az pets, but if enny boddy should pet me with a monkey, i should send him right back bi the same person who brought him, marked with *Baldwin The Clothiers* trademark, — C. O. D.

KONNEKTIKUT BLEW LAWS.

1. No man must chu enny tobbacko on the sabbath day unless he goes down cellar and duz it.

2. No yung woman haz a right tew be had in matrimony unless she kan make a good doe nut out ov rhy bran, and one that will keep a year in a damp place, without loseing its twist.

3. If a man gits drunk, he must git drunk on Nu England rum.

4. No man shall be entitled tew work on the road, or set on the jury, who aint handy with the 10 commandments.

31 Days. **AUGUST.** 1871.

Q. — Why iz woman like an echo? ♀ ☌



All nature bileth.
Roosters pant and so do lizzards;
The mules upon the dusty road
Kan't raise a trot, to save their gizzards.

A. — Bekauze she will hav the last word. ☊ ✶ ♅

☉	♐	*History.*	*GIBLETS.*
1	T	*warm with* ♉	Lazyness iz a good deal like money, — the more a man haz ov it the more he seems tew want.
2	W	☌ *hot streaks*	
3	T	Jack	
4	F	the giant killer ☊	
5	S	*much hotness* ♃	
6	G	♂ killed a giant	
7	M	1250 ♁ *look out*	
8	T	*for a grate hot* ♈	It iz hard work at fust sight, tew see the wisdom in a rattle snake bite, but thare are thousand ov folks who never think ov their sins until they are bit bi a rattlesnake.
9	W	the giant waz 25	
10	T	foot square ♐ ☿	
11	F	*hot* ♀ ♅ ♁ in	
12	S	his stocking feet	
13	G	*cooler* ♎ oh for	
14	M	a lodge in	
15	T	sum vast woods	
16	W	*thunder and* ⊕	"A poor, but dishonest cuss!" — this iz about az low down az enny man kan get, unless he drinks whiskee.
17	T	◑ *litening* ♋	
18	F	on a straw mat-	
19	S	rass ● *more*	
20	G	☊ *hotter* ☿ now	
21	M	dig for mint	
22	T	juleps ☌	
23	W	*gigantik rain* ♆	Living on hope iz like living on wind, a good way tew git phull but a poor way tew git phatt.
24	T	♁ let her drizzle	
25	F	*very heaty* ♈ ♅	
26	S	meazles diskovered	
27	G	♃ 1600 ♁ *hot*	
28	M	snakes lively ☉ my	It iz human tew err, — but devlish tew brag on it.
29	T	name iz	
30	W	Norval ●	
31	T		

THE READDY ROOSTER.

Roosters are the pugilists among birds, and having no suitable shoulder tew strike from, they strike from the heel. When a rooster gits whipped the hens all march off with the other rooster if he aint haff so big, or so hansum. It is pluck that wins a hen. Roosters az a class wont do enny household work; yu kant git a rooster tew pay enny attenshun tew a yungone. They spend most ov their time in crowing and strutting, and once in a while they find a worm, which they make a grate fuss over, calling their wives up from a distance, apparently tew treat them, but jist az the hens git thare, this elegant cuss bends over, and gobbles up the worm.

Jist like a man for all the world!

HOUSEHOLD COMFORTS.

Tew git rid ov cockroaches, — sell yure house, and lot, and flee tew the mountains.

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Tew make a slapjax that will do grate service, — cut it out ov buckskin, and fri it tew a koal black on a greaseless griddle.

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Tew pick out a good husband! — shut up both eyes, grab hard, and trust in the Lord.

———o———

Tew make a kat mad, — trod on her continuashun.

31 Days. **OCTOBER.** 1871.

Q. — What did Joner do while in the whale's stumak?



Sweet cider now, and punkin pize,
And maidens fair, and doughnuts greasy:
Who wouldn't be a farmer's boy,
So phull ov phun, so free and eazy?

A. — The best thing he did was tew git out ov it. ♋

⊕	♒	*History.*
1	G	*Gentle frost* ♗
2	M	⁎cider invented
3	T	1536 ☿ *sighns*
4	W	*ov snow* ⊕ *wind* ♎
5	T	*shifty* ♄ *it may*
6	F	*snow, and it may*
7	S	*not* △ *calm*
8	G	*coldness* □ now
9	M	potatoes dig ♓ *wind*
10	T	*8 nor by*
11	W	*nor west* ☿
12	T	♃ David slewed
13	F	Goliar
14	S	*cooler* ● with a
15	G	small rock ☿ hens
16	M	begin to lay ⚹
17	T	*snow squalls* ♎ *cold*
18	W	☞ let it squall
19	T	who cares ♂
20	F	♃ ♄ Eve waz the
21	S	first woman ♉
22	G	*raw cold* ♂ ⊙
23	M	who fooled
24	T	her man
25	W	*sharp frost* ♓
26	T	♍ down with △
27	F	♌ the taxes ♂
28	S	
29	G	
30	M	
31	T	

BEEFSTAKE AND ONIONS.

Thare aint but phu men who kan stick a white hankerchief into the brest pocket ov their overcut without letting a leetle ov it stick out, — just bi acksident.

A cheerful old man, or old woman, iz like the south side ov a wood shed, in the last ov winter.

Men mourn for what they hav lost, wimmin for what they hain't got.

It iz very eazy tew repent ov sins we hav committed, but to repent ov thoze we intend tew commit, iz asking too mutch ov enny man theze days.

Pitty costs nothing, — and aint wuth nothing.

THE LOAFING RACCON.

The Raccon iz a native amerikan. His family consists ov one wife, and three children, who liv with him on the inside ov a tree. During the winter he ties himself up in a hard knot, and lays down bi hiz fire side. When spring opens, he opens too, and goes out tew see how the chickens hav wintered. I never knew a raccon tew want enny thing long, that he could steal quick. I hav had tame coons bi the dozen, but i dont advise enny boddy tew cultivate coons ; they want as much waiting on az a blind mule on a tow path, and thare aint enny more real proffit in them, than thare iz in a stock dividend, on the Erie railroad.

HOME DOINGS.

Tew freshen a salt mackerel, — tow him one summer behind a steam bote.

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Tew make a man good mad, — starch hiz stockings a leetle too stiff.

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Tew be one ov the "*oldest inhabitants,*" remember very well, when yung Nebudkenezzer waz a babe.

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Tew be happy, — eat molasses, and swing on a gate.

30 Days. **NOVEMBER.** 1871.

Q. — What iz ginger pops ♐ ♎ ♍ ♆



The bullfrog haz hung up his fiddle,
The bug and the cricket are still;
No more can be heard in the marshes,
The musketo fileing his bill.

A. — Gim-nastick water. ♑ ☉ ♐

☉	♈	*History.*	*SLAP JACKS.*
1	W	*Sour and* ☉	A dog iz the only thing on this earth that luvs yu more than he luvs himself.
2	T	☞ *sad* ♏	
3	F	grate skassity ov	
4	S	grasshoppers ♄	
5	G	*sour and* △ ♋	
6	M	*chilly* ♒	
7	T	Brigham Young	
8	W	born 1818 ☿	
9	T	*cold* ♌ Brigham	Lies are like illegitimate children, liable to call a man *Father!* when he least expekts it.
10	F	was a *youngster* ♑	
11	S	*snow on the*	
12	G	*mountains*	
13	M	♈ in time of	
14	T	peace	
15	W	prepare for	
16	T	war ⊕	
17	F	*raw rain* ● ♌	A gentleman iz a gentleman the world over,— it iz only the loafers that differ.
18	S	♈ now lay in	
19	G	a bad cold ☽	
20	M	for winter △	
21	T	♑ *it snows* ⛄	
22	W	the festive	
23	T	cockroach	
24	F	haz fled ♂	
25	S	● winter draws	
26	G	ni ♐ *cold and*	
27	M	*clammy* ♒ kats	What men kant do they are very apt tew admire, — they dont criticize a mountain bekause they kant make one.
28	T	swell with	
29	W	crossness △ ☿	
30	T		

Sekrets are cussid poor property enny how; if yu cirkulate them yu loze them, and if yu keep them yu loze the interest on the investment.

THE THOUGHTFUL FOX.

The Fox iz a literary bird; he waz a genius long before akedemick honors flourished; he waz a poet, skoller, and sage, before the days ov Homer and Herodotus; and in our times he iz the Ben Butler ov diplomacy, and the Brigham Yung ov matrimonial ethicks. The fox haz no moral honesty but he haz got a grate supply of *politikal honesty*. If another Fox in hiz parish wants a good phatt goose, he will work hard tew git him the goose, and having cleaned the meat all oph from the subburbs ov the goose, giv hiz politikal friend the bones, telling him with a smile in hiz eye, "*that every thing iz lovely and the goose hangs hi.*"

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MADAM FILKINS LIQUOR FOR BABES.

Cures hooping coff, meazels, pane in the side, mumps, teething, cancer, rickets, redgum, and bawling.

Cures gout, hang nails, *wont go tew sleep*, stummak ake, and *want every thing they see.*

Removes warts, wens, wigglings, an wizenface.

Mothers lament for Madam Filkins liquor for babes.

Babes bawl for it.

Nurses pray for it.

Fathers buy it bi the barrell.

31 Days. **DECEMBER.** 1871.

Q. — What is pity? ♈ ♍ ♏ ☿ ☌ ♃



Now kil pigs and bucher hens,
Murder geese and ducks that quack,
Chop down wood, and sassage make,
And evenings play — Hylojack.

A. — Cheap charity. □ ☍ ♂ ♒ ♗

☿	♅	*History.*	*OYSTER PADDYS.*
1	F	♎1871 haz	One ov the fussyest scenes i ever beheld waz two old maids waiting on one sick bachelor.
2	S	about pegged	
3	G	out ☊	
4	M	*bitter cold* ● ♂	
5	T	☿ Homer waz a	
6	W	good poet	
7	T	eggs dredful	
8	F	uncommon ☄	Revenge iz just az natral to flow az milk, — yu will see little boys club the post that they bump their head against.
9	S	*grate sno storm* ♏	
10	G	♂ Congress iz a	
11	M	sitting ☿ ♋	
12	T	*cold* ♒ but don't	
13	W	♒ hatch out enny-	Opinyuns are like turnips, worth just what they will fetch.
14	T	thing ☿ *wind*	
15	F	*north* ♆	
16	S	beware of false	
17	G	proffits *ice is*	Courage without discreshun, iz like a ram with horns on both ends, he will hav more fights on hand, than he kan do justiss to.
18	M	*from* 12 *inches to*	
19	T	*a foot thick* ♏ ☿	
20	W	Soloman waz a	
21	T	smart man ♋	
22	F	☿ *sighns ov a thaw*	
23	S	he waz a good	When yu find a man who iz very solisitus about the welfare ov everyboddy, yu kan safely put him down az one who iz hunting for a misfortune.
24	G	judge ov the sex ●	
25	M	*colder* ☊ the	
26	T	year drops its	
27	W	curtain ♄ *the wind*	
28	T	*moans* ♓ farewell	
29	F	my countrymen ♆	
30	S		
31	G		

KALKULASHUNS OV A PROGNOSTIX NATUR.

Whenever yu see a flok ov geese all standing on one leg, except the old gander, and he chawing hiz cud, look out for a south-west wind tewmorow, or the next day, or the day after, or at sum fewter time.

Should thare be cold weather during Febuary, and should roosters refuse to crow, and the taxgatherer forgit tew call on yu, yu will hav tew trust in Providence, and go it blind, for thare aint no man kan prognostix what will cum next.

Whenever dogs are seen travelling around with nothing to do and old maids refuse their tea, and hop vines wont klimb, and grind stuns wont grind, then yu may expekt a lite crop ov oats, and beans wont pay for harvesting.

If the sun rizes in the east, and sets in the west, and the bull frogs sings sams in the marshes, and thare aint no pulling hair in the family circle, things are about az near right az yu can git them.

Should there be no dew on the grass, in the morning before sunrise, it iz an infallible prognostix, that thare didn't enny dew fall.

Whenever yu see two crows on the railfence, one white and the other black, edgeing up to each other, look out for a nigger in the wood pile.

LOST ARTS.

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PUNKIN PI.

This delitesome work ov art, iz a conglomerashun ov baked doe, and biled punkin. It waz diskovered in the year 1680 by Angelica, wife ov Rhehoboam Beecher, then residing in the town of Nu Guilford state of mass, but since departed this life, aged 84 years, 3 months, 6 daze, 5 hours, and 15 minnitts. Peace tew her dust! This *Pi* soon after its diskovery went into general use, and waz the boss *Pi* for over one hundred years. In the year 1833 it waz totaly lost. Sum poor imitashuns ov the blessed old original *Pi* are loafing around, but *Punkin Pi* az it was (with nutmeg into it) iz no more.

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RUM AND TANSY.

Good old Nu England rum (with tanzy in her) waz drunk bi the Elders and Deakons, ov our churches, a century ago. It is now one ov the lost arts. A haff pint ov this mixtur upon gitting out ov bed in the morning, then a haff pint just before brekfasst, then at stated intervals thru the day a haff pint ov it, and then sum more just before gitting into bed at night, iz what enabled our ansesstors tew shake oph the yoke of grate Brittain. One haff pint, ov the *present* rum, would ruin a Deakon in 20 minnitts.

Fairwell! good old Nu England rum, with sum tanzy in yu, thou hast fleded to that bourne from which no pure spirits ever cums back!